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LATESSA SALONE,  
JANET DEMARINIS,  
ANDREA RAILA,  
PAT QUINN, and  
the petition signers of  
the CUSTOMER UTILITY  
CONVENTION

Petitioners.

Petition to the Members of the  
Illinois Commerce Commission  
Pursuant to Section 5-145 (b) of  
the Illinois Administrative  
Procedure Act

01-321

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**AMENDED PETITION FOR AN EMERGENCY RULE TO PROHIBIT ILLINOIS  
GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANIES FROM DISCONNECTING SERVICE  
TO ANY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER IN THE NEXT 150 DAYS**

LATESSA SALONE, an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer; JANET DEMARINIS, an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and mother of 16-month-old Jacopo DeMarinis; ANDREA RAILA, an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and mother of two-year-old Rhea Raila; PAT QUINN, an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and petitioner for the Illinois Citizens Utility Board to this Commission in 1982 (See No. 82-0112); and the thousands of Illinois residential heating customers who have signed the Customer Utility Convention petition in support of this administrative petition, pursuant to Section 5-145(b) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, do hereby petition that the following emergency rule be immediately adopted by the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission:

**Proposed New Section 280.136: "In light of the unprecedented and skyrocketing price of natural gas during the winter heating season of 2000-01 which caused severe harm to the finances, health, and safety of tens of**

**thousands of Illinois residential customers; and in light of the fact that special state and local programs for emergency energy assistance have been proposed but are not ready for implementation as of May 1, 2001; and in light of the fact that serious questions about the accuracy of customer meter readings and estimated bills have been raised by the media, General Assembly, and customers themselves and are currently under investigation; no electric or gas public utility shall disconnect service to any residential customer in the next 150 days."**

In support of this petition, Petitioners point out that Illinois consumers are now confronting an unprecedented increase in their natural gas bills, and consumers are struggling to pay these back-breaking heating bills.

The Petitioners point out that electricity and natural gas are not luxuries, but rather vital necessities which are essential for millions of Illinois consumers, including senior citizens and infants, to have light, heat, hot water, and cooking gas in order to survive.

The Petitioners point out that new state and local programs for emergency energy assistance have been proposed but are not ready for immediate implementation.

The Petitioners point out that false meter readings and inaccurate estimated bills by natural gas and electric companies have greatly added to the burden of Illinois gas and electric consumers who are seeking to resolve bills with the companies before having their service disconnected.

Petitioners point out that public health and safety will be jeopardized, and life-threatening conditions will be created if Illinois gas and electric utility companies are permitted to disconnect service to thousands of Illinois residential households.

Therefore, Petitioners ask this Commission to issue an emergency rule prohibiting Illinois gas and electric utility companies from disconnecting service to any residential customer in the next 150 days.

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## VERIFICATION

I, Pat Quinn, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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Before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day  
Of May, 2001.

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## VERIFICATION

I, Latessa Salone, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Latessa Salone  
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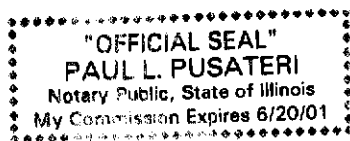
I, Janet DeMarinis, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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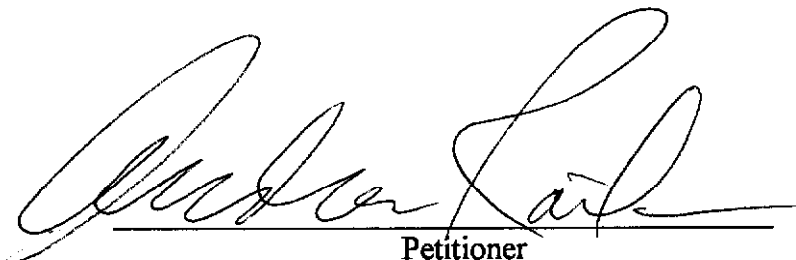
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I, Andrea Raila, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
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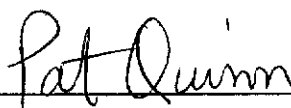
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Pat Quinn, hereby certify I served a copy of this Amended Petition for an Emergency Rule by United States Mail, personal delivery, or via e-mail on May 7, 2001 upon each of the parties of record in Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 01-0321, dated at Chicago, Illinois this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

A handwritten signature of Pat Quinn in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

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